

## **Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form**

Application No.: 10/599,334 First Named Applicant: GOTO, Yasuyuki  
Examiner: BOHATY, Andrew K Art Unit: 1786 Status of Application: First Rej. Mailed

#### Tentative Participants:

(1) Nicole Davidow (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Date of Interview:** 2/22/2012      **Proposed Time:** 3:45 (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephone (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Remonstrated:  YES  NO

If yes, provide brief description:

### **Issues To Be Discussed**

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) 103 Rej.	20	Tanomo, Doi, & Hosokawa			
(2) 103 Rej.	20	Murase & Hosoda			
(3) 103 Rej.	20	Muse, Spiechler, & Henkem			
(4) 102 Rej.	20-22	Matsuura & Hosokawa			
Continuation Sheet Attached					
1. Disagreement or Argument Attached					

Continuation Sheet Attached       Proposed Amendment or Arguments Attached

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on

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**Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature**

**Examiner/SPE Signature**

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**Continuation Sheet for PTOL-413A form**

The following is a non-limiting list of the issues and potential amendments that may be discussed during the interview:

- Use of a proviso that the electron-transporting layer is not a light emitting layer in order to overcome the rejection based on Tamano, Doi, and Hosokawa.
- The nonobviousness of the feature wherein "the electron-transporting layer is formed on the hole-transporting layer by a wet method using alcohol". This nonobvious feature takes into consideration the solubility of the respective layers and requires that an electron-transporting layer be formed of an alcohol soluble material.
- Allowability of withdrawn claims, including the manufacturing method of an organic electroluminescent element recited by claim 7.
- Various issues concerning the Hosokawa reference, including that in the portion cited by the Examiner (col. 35, lines 32-60):
  - States that the electron transporting layer is formed on an emitting layer, rather than the hole-transporting layer;
  - Does not mention anything regarding the solubility of the respective layers; and
  - Does not mention that the electron-transporting layer is deposited using a wet method with alcohol.
- Where in prosecution Applicants acknowledged that NPD and PEDOT:PSS are insoluble in alcohol, as alleged by the Examiner.
- Whether Examiner is assuming that the hole injection layers of Tamano and Doi equate to hole-transporting layers.